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## Cleanin' up

Taylor Prothman

The Environmental Science and Biology classes cleaned the outdoor classroom on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and November 5<sup>th</sup>.

The classes were looking for any trash and loose impediments in the outdoor classroom. They also split wood and cleaned up brush and twigs. To make walking easier, the class also mowed the walking trails.

"The outdoor classroom looks much nicer after we cleaned it,"

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- Bronson Jergenson

## Pheasant hunting

Jacob Foust

The pheasant numbers are down from last year. Last winter, the weather was really bad; there was so much snow it buried all the food for the pheasants under the snow.

But, where there

said Bronson Jergenson. "It was fun to see kids doing something good for the school grounds and environment," said Mr. Stein.

The classes will be having a hot dog roast on November 11<sup>th</sup> to reward them for cleaning the outdoor room.

is thick cover for the birds, that is where they all are. If you are looking to hunt pheasants, try to find big CRP ground.

In order for the birds to have a successful hatch, they need to be in the fields

## Dawg Pound spirit

Clarissa Laubenthal

The Dawg Pound is how the student body can represent AHS in a positive way at all athletic games. This year's leaders are the seniors. The costumes so far this year are a banana, hot dog, penguin, and panda. The Dawg Pound's favorite cheer from volleyball was fist pump like a champ. The Dawg Pound will be as supportive to the basketball teams like they were to the volleyball team like in the years past.

"We are very loud and excited," says Brandee Hockett. "It's awesome," says Cane Arrowood.



Above: John Etler, Maren Ren-volleyball team like in the land, and Connor McGuire pose while in the Dawg Pound.



Above: The Dawg Pound at the Garrigan volleyball match.

Photo by Jim Gale

of about 300 acres, because they need to hide the eggs where skunks, coyotes, and hawks can't find them.

The local DNR will be watching, so make sure you have a license and are not poaching animals. For

those hunters who are going out for the first time, make sure you have your hunter's safety training.

## FFA harvest

Karl Nicolaus

Recently the Ag Business class harvested the Algona FFA's research farm. The farm is located behind Murphy's Feed Mill in Hobarton. The farm has twenty-two acres and this year it was all corn.

Ean Weber provided the combine and semi and Karl Nicolaus provided the grain cart. Chris Capesius, from Pioneer, provided the weigh wagon to complete the tests.

There were two tests in the field. One test was spring applied NH<sub>3</sub>. The other test was side dressed 28%N. The 28%N was slightly better, averaging

201 bushels per acre. The NH<sub>3</sub> was just behind at 197 bushels per acre. Overall the field averaged 199 bushels per acre, near record for that field!

Class members were able to learn how to estimate yield and determine the final stand of the crop. With all of the grain in the elevator, the class will start marketing the crop. Earlier this year the class covered a unit on marketing, so they will be able to put their knowledge to good use and sell the grain for the most profit.



Above: (left to right) Ean Weber, Kevin Laubenthal, and Karl Nicolaus busy at work at the FFA research farm.

## Special Olympics

Janelle Wittenberg

On October 14, Special Olympics Bowling was held at Leisure Lanes in Bancroft. Algona Community School had eight athletes participate. There were five students who placed in their divisions. Ribbons were awarded to those students who placed second and third.

Brett Eden received third place, Amy Kaiser third place, Byron Larson third place, Josie McMahon placed second, and Caleb Giddings walked away with a second place ribbon.



Above: The AHS Special Olympics bowling team gathered together for a quick picture before the match.

Right: Caleb Giddings and Byron Larson flash a smile while waiting to bowl.



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## Ballin'

Mackenzie Siefken

After last year's outstanding seasons, anticipation is running high for girls basketball at Algona High School.

The girls started practice on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Last year the girls made school history, taking their first trip ever to the State basketball tournament and making it all the way to the semi-finals before losing to Waukon 53-46. The girls finished off a spectacular season with a record of 25-1 and going 18-0 in the Conference.

This year the Bulldogs have four seniors to

lead the way, Laura TerHark, Mackenzie Siefken, Megan Gerhardt, and Brittany Vaske. The Bulldogs have seven returning varsity letter winners from last season. They are Brittany Vaske, Laura TerHark, Mackenzie Siefken, Megan Gerhardt, Jade Simpson, Paige Yi, and Rachel Teague.

Fans get ready! On Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the girls will start their season off with a home game against Forest City in the Algona High School gym.

## Back to the mat

Zach McKenna

The Algona Bulldog wrestlers are starting off a new season on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. Last year, two AHS wrestlers made it down to the Wells Fargo Arena to compete at the State Wrestling tournament.

Weston Shaw says, "I am ready to crush some people's bones on the mat

this year."

The wrestlers need support, so go out and watch the Bulldogs!!! Their first match is on Thursday, December 2nd, at Iowa Falls - Alden.

## Feelin' the Heat?

Cane Arrowood

The Miami Heat kicked off their new season with three big names. The Heat added two big names in LeBron James and Chris Bosh to combine with Dwayne Wade. The three have plans to bring in many championships.

Nicknamed the Big Three, the combo started their season with the Boston Celtics. The Celtics upset the trio, giving them their first loss, 88 to 80. LeBron scored 31 points with 8 rebounds and 8 turnovers. Turnovers would be the story of the game for the Heat. Between the three, they combined for 15 turnovers.

After this game, the Heat have gone on a roll, winning its next three.

Dwayne has been the leading scoring with 21.5 points per game with LeBron right behind with 20.5.

The second biggest game of the year, they played the playoff bound Orlando Magic. The Heat shut down the power house Orlando Magic, holding them to 70 points.

Off to a 4-1 start, the Heat are looking to blaze up the league.

With conflicting opinions, many people don't know what to think about the Big Three. Joey Schattschneider says that "They might not lose another game." While Laura TerHark says, "They are not as good as people make them out to be."



Above: "The Big Three" get ready for total domination.



## Ballin' boys

John Etler

The Algona boys' basketball team will begin practice on Monday, November 15, 2010.

They will be returning two starters from last year's team including Michael and Ryan McMahon. Ryan and Michael also make up the returning letter winners from last

year. Algona will have six seniors on the roster this year including: John Krause, Blair Bradley, Michael McMahon, Ryan McMahon, Connor McGuire, and Noah Hollinger.

Last year the Bulldogs won a share of the North Central Conference with a record of 16-7 (13-5 in

Conference play). They tied with St. Edmonds for first in the Conference. In post-season play they defeated the Spencer Tigers in overtime. Their last game of the season was against the MOC-Floyd Valley, which they lost.

The boys' first game is on Monday, November 29th, at Charles City.



# Feelin' retirement? Looking for a scare?

Matt Olson

The legend Brett Favre just cannot give up the love of football. Favre has suffered so many big hits already this season. He has had multiple injuries and has been sore almost every game.

Brett suffered an elbow injury on September 24, 2010, and has been having problems with it up until this day. He doesn't show it much in the game but still has to stretch it out when he gets hit. After Brett's elbow was just starting to get better, he suffered a left ankle injury on October 25, 2010. He played on that ankle in the game against the Packers where he was hit hard by a lower body tackle, fracturing his ankle. Alex Wiseman says, "Favre, you need to retire cause you are taking big hits that are messing up your body."

That whole week Favre recuperated and had a short practice Friday. He then felt good and was ready

to play on his fractured ankle. He did just that and actually had an okay game. That game was against the Patriots and they ended up losing. Towards the end of the game, Favre was hit very hard in the chin, cutting his chin open and requiring 10 stitches to fix it. He left the field on the cart feeling woozy. That was a first for Favre.

With all the hits that Favre has been taking, you would think he is ready for retirement, but that is just not the case for the legend Brett Favre.



Above: Favre gets ready to throw another bomb down the field.

## Eatin' with the Mob

Logan Thill

Godfather's Pizza's buffet runs at \$7.97 per person, including a drink.

At the Godfather's buffet you can choose from pizzas, chicken, potato wedges, salad, casserole, breadsticks, cinnamon sticks, and dessert pizza. When you're done, you can top your meal off with ice cream. You have a choice of Coca-Cola products for your drinking pleasure.

At Godfather's, you have various choices of seating, whether it be in the party room (if it's not reserved), booths, or tables. You can sit by one of the three TV's in the restaurant and watch whatever you choose. If you get bored while you're waiting for your family or friends to be done eating, you can play the quarter games that are provided.

Jenni Weaver

*Paranormal Activity 1* was a big hit when it first came out. Everyone talked about how scary it was. Then, when *Paranormal Activity 2* came out, everyone was excited to see it. Spirits and ghosts are known to be in the house. These spirits wanted baby Hunter, but no one was going to let them get to him. A series of events occurred. Not only with his stepsister Ali, but also his mom, dad, and nanny.

While watching this movie there were many scary parts, just like in the first movie. Kitchen cupboards fly open, doors slam, Hunter is taken out of his crib, and he was also found in the basement. Ali also gets locked out of the house by one of the spirits and Hunter was left alone. Many other weird things happen.

Some believe that the spirits are bad, while others believe the spirits are good. In this movie it is extremely hard to distinguish between the two.

*Paranormal Activity 2* is rated R and runs for 91 minutes. It stars Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat, and Molly Ephraim. It is the type of movie that will keep you on the edge of your seat in suspense, wondering what is going to happen next.

The Godfather's buffet runs every day at lunch from 11-1:15 and Monday and Thursday nights from 5-7.



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## Pep band

Jackie Hutchison

Pep band is coming back this year! The band is going to go to Algona High School sports and play their pep band songs. Also included, there can be people from the community who can be in pep band and play at these sports.

All the people in pep band are going to be wearing shirts that the band

has decided to make. The band has about 15 songs that they are going to play. Some that you might know include: "Bad Romance," "Sweet Caroline," "Apache" (Jump on It), and "Thriller."

This should be an exciting year for the Algona High School Pep Band!



Above: Tommy Christian and Morgan Coleman in the play.

Below: The cast and crew pose for a fun picture.



## Caught in the Act

Destiny Smith

This year's fall play was spectacular! The actors and actresses worked so hard to put on a great show for their audience. The play was staged to be a play inside of a play. The actors were acting the part of actors.

Some of the main characters are as follows. Morgan Coleman played Gracie, the director of the play. Mikayla Torpy played assistant director, Lucy. Abbie Atkinson played Dena, the diva of the show. Tommy Christian played Ace, the flirt. Joanna Wilson played Madge, the costume designer for all the actors. Courtney Schmitt played Darla, the mysterious new actor. Sergeant Hawke was played by Nick Bitz. Dan Haack played Mr. Habershaw, the owner of the theater.

The play began with the actors jumping from the crowd and storming the stage. They held auditions

where the actors had to tell why they were interested in performing in the play. During the first rehearsal, Gracie was gone sick, so Lucy had to take charge. During this rehearsal, Sergeant Hawke came to worn the cast of a possible murderer who might be hidden among them. The only clues they had were she is allergic to roses and when she gets on stage she says her lines.

The next rehearsal when Gracie returned Mr. Habershaw came in and told them he was selling the theater. Dena went on a date with him to convince him not to sell the theater. When she returned, everyone thought she was the murderer because she's allergic to roses and Mr. Habershaw went missing. As the results turned out, it was really all a hoax. There was no murderer; Mr. Habershaw hired Sergeant Hawke from the competing theater to scare his daughter, Darla, out of acting.

Great job to all who participated in this production. Special thanks to Ms. Lahndorf and Steven W. Cox for bringing this all together and putting on a great show for the audience. Without everyone's participation and hard work, this show wouldn't have been possible.



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## Kinect arrives

D.J. Throckmorton

Kinect is a new, fun, and interactive way to play video games. With the new Kinect, the player is the controller.

Kinect uses a motion sensor that tracks the player's entire body. Unlike the Wii, it's not how the player moves their hands and wrists, rather it's how they move their body.

Kinect also uses voice commands to control the Xbox using four microphones. With the four microphones and the sensor, Kinect separates the player's voice from other noises. John Etler says, "It's the best way to play a game."

To go with Kinect, Microsoft has created a variety of new games that require Kinect. They include sports, dance, and even some kids' games such as Kinectimals and Kinect Adventure. Microsoft has even come out with a Kinect Sports for adults.

Kinect for the Xbox 360 came out in North America on November 4, 2010, and costs \$150. It is available wherever games are sold or at the Microsoft website <http://store.microsoft.com>.



## Black Ops!

Jeremy Black

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, the new *Call Of Duty* video game came out; the new game is called *Black Ops*. This game has a ton of extended features added to it besides the maps. The location is set in Vietnam and Cuba between 1960 and 2010.

In this new game, you don't gain weapons and upgrades by leveling up. Instead you earn currencies to buy these things. You are able to get new perks and kill-streaks. You will be allowed a lot of new assault rifles, sub machine guns, light machine guns, sniper rifles, shotguns, pistols, launchers, a bow, ballistic knives, lethal grenades, tactical grenades,

equipment, attachments, and camouflages.

*Black Ops* costs \$64.19 and you can get it at any store like K-Mart or Walmart. John Etler says, "It's the best *Call of Duty* yet!"



## Haunted house

Brandee Hockett

There was a haunted house held in Bancroft, at 410 N. Portland Street from October 22-24th from 7-10 p.m. For an admission of \$5.00 you were offered the scare of your lifetime. Many said the haunted house was very scary!

When you are ready to enter the house, you had to crawl through a small tunnel. A lot of people wouldn't have known there was someone in there. The person in the tunnel sat in the corner so that when you went through, you would feel someone else there, but you didn't know who it was. When you exited the tunnel, you entered the basement.

In the basement there was a guy who was shoveling cement. He had a broomstick impaling his body. After you passed him, there was a guy stuck in a cage. Next you walked up the stairs and saw a jail cell with people trying to grab you. After that you entered an awkward room with a

lady crying. You had to go up another set of stairs.

Out of nowhere, there was a guy who came out of a closet with a chainsaw and chased you up the stairs. Janelle Wittenberg thought the scariest part was the guy with the chainsaw.

After you went up stairs, you entered a room with body bags and had to find your way through them. During all this there was a random cow mooing.

Next you went downstairs and saw a bus. After you went by the bus, there was a loud honk. Finally, in the last room, which was filled with glow in the dark masks, two people who blended in chased you to the door. Janelle Wittenberg said, "It scared me!"

This haunting experience was worth the \$5.00 admission. Many hope they continue adding on to this haunted house and keep raising money in Bancroft.

